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1. [redacted] between Kronshtadt and Leningrad there were two large cruisers and four destroyers. Nine small fast motorboats were near the Leningrad Lightship, in line ahead formation, making a speed of approximately 20 knots. One submarine was heading west off Sommars Island. It dived when [redacted] vessel was about five miles off. 25X1
2. [redacted] in Leningrad there was a submarine [redacted] a vessel [redacted] as a new light cruiser left in tow going towards Kronshtadt. [redacted] It had no armament. It had a high raked stem and forecastle sheer. [redacted] a cruiser of 11,000 tons, about 600 feet long, [redacted] a battleship of 13 or 14,000 tons [redacted] and three of four destroyers arrived in Leningrad, as did one submarine [redacted]. One small destroyer or patrol boat, [redacted] went up and down the river daily. 25X1
3. Eight Soviet minesweepers were observed sailing in formation south of the Porkkala enclave [redacted] They were 12 miles south of Porkkala, on course 260 degrees, at a speed of approximately eight knots. At 1732 hours, the vessels altered course to 360 degrees and proceeded in towards Porkkala. The vessels were sailing in two lines of three abreast of each other with one vessel approximately four cables ahead a point equidistant between the two lines of three. The eighth vessel was approximately four cables astern of the lines, also at a point equidistant between them. The distance between lines was approximately three cables, and the interval between vessels in the lines was two cables (see sketch). On altering course, the vessels went into line ahead formation, the leading vessel of the starboard line becoming No. 2 and the leading vessel of the port line No. 3., etc. Once in the line ahead no attempt appeared to be made to maintain station; intervals between vessels varying from one to three cables. Each vessel had one funnel, and one pole mast. [redacted] Each was armed with two small caliber guns, one situated forward, and one aft, both provided with gun shields. No radar was observed. 25X1

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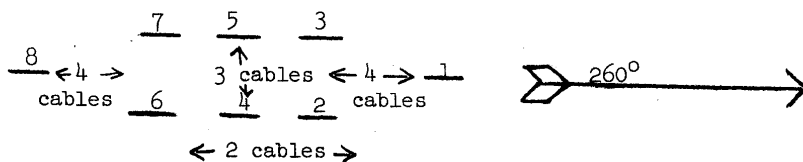
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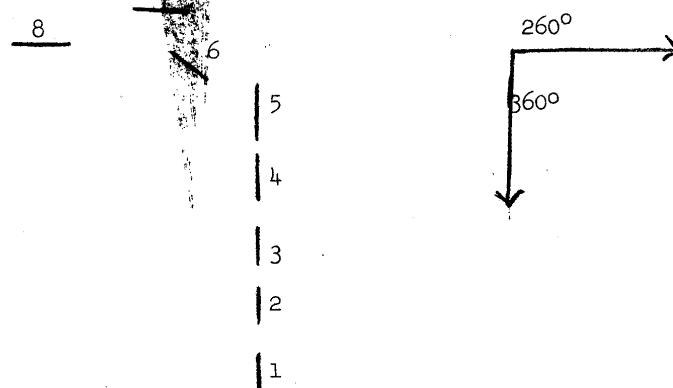
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Sketch of Vessels in Formation off Porkkala:

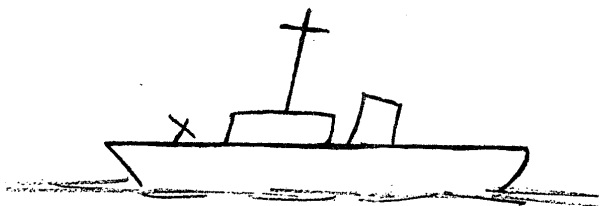
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